

Amendments to the Claims:

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21. (New) A hand towed piece of baggage comprising;

a piece of baggage;

✓ ~~At~~ least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage, said wheel having a wheel rotation axis;

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(an arm portion) having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being operatively secured to said piece of baggage; and

✓ a towing handle connected to said distal end of said arm portion; said towing handle connected so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about at least two pivot axes;

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wherein (said arm) portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position;

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(wherein at least one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis; and)

(wherein said at least one pivot axis oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis is closer to said handle than to said piece of baggage when said arm portion is in said extended position.

✓ 22. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, further comprising:

a first shaft aligned with a first one of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates; and

a second shaft aligned with a second one of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates.

✓ 23. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, wherein said at least two pivot axes include a first axis and a second axis that intersect each other.

24. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21 wherein at least one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially perpendicular to said wheel rotation axis.

25. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, wherein said arm portion comprises at least two telescoping sections that are slidably attached to each other for relative telescoping movement, the relative telescoping movement allowing said arm portion to be movable between said extended and said retracted positions.

26. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, further comprising:
an intermediary member pivotally connected to said distal end and said handle;
wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said intermediary member and said handle about a first one of said at least two pivot axes relative said distal end;
and

wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said handle about a second one of said at least two pivot axes relative to both said intermediary member and said distal end.

27. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 26, wherein said first one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis and said second one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially perpendicular to said first one of said at least two pivot axes.

28. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 27, wherein said first one of said at least two pivot axes intersects said second one of said at least two pivot axes.

29. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, wherein:

said towing handle is T-shaped and comprises an elongated hand grip with opposite free ends and a stem that intersects and projects from said hand grip between said opposite free ends; and

wherein said stem connects said towing handle to said distal end.

30. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 29, wherein said opposite free ends of said hand grip define a hand grip axis that extends from one of said opposite free ends to the other of said opposite free ends, said rotation between the towing handle and the distal end about the at least two pivot axes allowing the hand grip axis to be oriented in a first direction substantially perpendicular to said wheel rotation axis when the arm portion is in the extended position, and said rotation also allowing the hand grip axis to be oriented in a second direction substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis when said arm portion is in said retracted position.

31. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 29, further comprising:

an intermediary member operatively connecting said stem to said distal end, said intermediary member being pivotally connected to said distal end for rotation of both said intermediary member and said handle about a first one of said at least two pivot axes relative to said distal end; said intermediary member also being pivotally connected to said stem of said handle for rotation of said handle about a second one of said at least two pivot axes relative to both said intermediary member and said distal end.

32. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 31, further comprising:

said first one of said at least two pivot axes being oriented substantially parallel to the wheel rotation axis and the second one of said at least two pivot axes being oriented substantially perpendicular to the first one of said at least two pivot axes.

33. (New) A hand towed piece of baggage comprising;
- a piece of baggage;
 - at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage, said wheel having a wheel rotation axis;
 - an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being operatively secured to said piece of baggage;
 - a towing handle connected to said distal end of said arm portion; said towing handle connected so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about at least two pivot axes; and
 - an intermediary member having a length and pivotally connected to said distal end and said handle;
- wherein said arm portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position;
- wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said intermediary member and said handle about a first one of said at least two pivot axes relative said distal end;
- wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said handle about a second one of said at least two pivot axes relative to both said intermediary member and said distal end; and
- wherein said length of said intermediary member is less than said length of said arm.
34. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 33 wherein at least one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis.

35 (New) A hand towed piece of baggage comprising;

a piece of baggage;

at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage;

an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being operatively secured to said piece of baggage;

a towing handle; and

means for connecting said towing handle to said distal end of said arm portion, said means including a first shaft and a second shaft arranged so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about said first shaft and said second shaft;

wherein said arm portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position.

36. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 35, wherein said first shaft is oriented substantially parallel to the wheel rotation axis and said second shaft is oriented substantially perpendicular to said first shaft.

37. (New) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 36, wherein a first axis through said first shaft intersects a second axis through said second shaft.

38. (New) A method of operating a hand towed piece of baggage, the method comprising:

providing a piece of baggage including


at least one wheel;

an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being secured to said piece of baggage so that said arm

portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position; and

a towing handle connected to said distal end of said arm portion; said towing handle connected so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about at least two pivot axes;

pivotally moving said towing handle relative to said distal end about said at least two pivot axes in a manner such that said towing handle is oriented in a first direction when said arm is in said extended position; and

 pivotally moving said towing handle relative to said distal end about said at least two pivot axes in a manner such that said towing handle is oriented in a second direction when said arm portion is in said retracted position.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said first direction is substantially perpendicular to said second direction.

40. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein said piece of baggage further includes:

a first shaft aligned with a first of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates; and

a second shaft aligned with a second of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates
